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## Assessment of Denny delayed

Forensic hospital cites possible conflict of interest as it opts out of psychiatric assessment of accused in Taavel death **PAGE 3**

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# Reprieve for ferry service

**This is not the time to reduce it:** Coun. Darren Fisher



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Putting off reductions to ferry service sparked a battle at Halifax regional council on Tuesday.

Council voted 18-5 to put off reducing the ferry service until

August instead of May 21 — but not without a fight.

Coun. Linda Mosher and Coun. Brad Johns argued service standards should be the same for all communities and if bus routes are being cut in their areas due to low ridership, then so should the ferry.

"Sackville took two major hits on two major runs," Johns said. "If there are funds available to re-institute this, why aren't there funds to reinstitute existing routes in Sackville?"



A Metro Transit ferry  
RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Ferry service from Halifax to Dartmouth was to be cut by an hour on weekdays and Saturdays, with the last trip leaving

at 10:30 p.m. On Sundays, the ferry wouldn't run until 11:30 a.m. Woodside's last morning route would also be cut until the completion of a new ferry, all saving Metro Transit \$423,700 per year.

Now staff will have the time to come up with options to keep the full service going. A report is due back to council mid-June.

Mosher, upset about a Purcell's Cove route being slashed, said she found it "very suspect" Metro Transit found the money

## Quoted

**"Are we so shortsighted that we say, 'If I don't get my way, I'm not going to support (the ferry service)?"**

Coun. Dawn Sloane

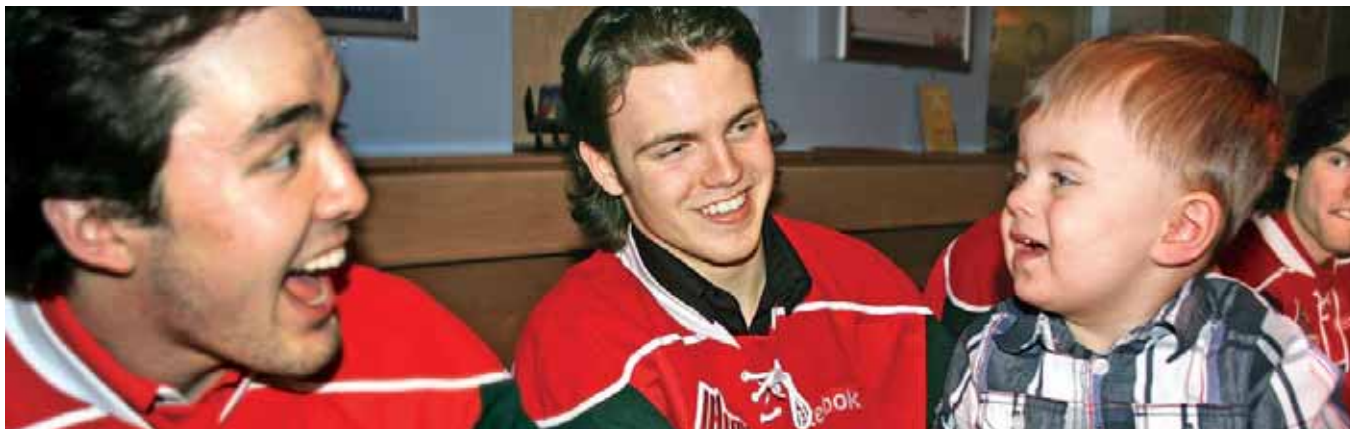
to keep the ferry service as is until August.

Eddie Robar, director of Metro Transit, said the delay will cost \$57,000 and they came

up with the money through an increase in staff attrition.

"This is not about benefiting a single community, it's about a link from Halifax to Dartmouth," argued Coun. Jackie Barkhouse.

Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane called the ferry service a "lifeline" for many residents, and Dartmouth Centre Coun. Gloria McCluskey said a King's Wharf residence complex is due to open in September and the developers bill it as easily accessible to the ferry.



## YOUNG AND OLD SAY SO LONG TO MOOSE

Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Trey Lewis, left, and forward Ryan Falkenham share a smile with 17-month-old Aidan Herman at the Halifax Metro Centre on Tuesday night.

The team was holding its annual end-of-season meet-and-greet with fans, with hundreds of people turning out. For more Mooseheads coverage, see page 19. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

## Victory for injured vets

Court rules Ottawa should stop clawing back Armed Forces disability benefits

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## Occupy back for May Day

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## Province ups student aid

Nova Scotia invests \$5.5M to increase its student assistance program

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**Metro Transit**

## Council puts brakes on free transit for seniors

The vote was split, but Halifax regional council decided to wait to see the impacts of the transit strike first before granting seniors a free day on the bus.

Coun. Jerry Blumenthal asked for a free transit day for seniors (aged 65 and up) on Tuesdays in non-peak hours starting Aug. 9.

While several councilors agreed it would be great for the senior population, others didn't like the estimated \$300,000 price tag.

Eddie Robar, director of Metro Transit, said it would cause a deficit in next year's budget and would result in either an increase in tax or a decrease in service.

Coun. Jennifer Watts suggested council wait until Metro Transit can compile numbers on the impact of the transit strike. Robar said it would take until the end of July to get a good understanding of those numbers. **METRO**

**Awareness campaign**

## Local celebs help fight violence against women

Rocker Joel Plaskett, entrepreneur Mickey MacDonald and Halifax Rainmen owner Andre Levingston want to tell you something: Be more than a bystander.

Copying a successful campaign in British Columbia, Halifax Regional Police got the three local celebrities on board for a campaign to end violence against women as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"Violence against women has always been seen as a women's issue, but it's not," said Plaskett in his video. "It's a men's issue because it's men who are committing these crimes."

A provocative poster campaign called Don't Be That Guy will be displayed in bars, restaurants and post-secondary institutions.

To see the video, visit [halifax.ca/MenEndingViolenceAgainstWomen](http://halifax.ca/MenEndingViolenceAgainstWomen).

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Joel Plaskett. CONTRIBUTED



Andre Noel Denny arrives at Halifax provincial court on April 18. MIKE DEMBECK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Hospital will not assess accused

## Raymond Taavel case.

Andre Noel Denny is next scheduled to appear in court on June 18



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The East Coast Forensic Hospital will not be conducting a psychiatric assessment on the patient accused of killing Raymond Taavel while on unsupervised leave from the Burnside hospital.

At an unscheduled court appearance in Halifax on Tuesday, Crown attorney Denise Smith said the hospital has declared a possible conflict of interest in the case of Andre Noel Denny.

Denny, originally from Membertou, was on unsupervised release from the hospital when he made his way to Gottingen Street on April 18. He now faces a second-degree murder charge in the beating death of Taavel, a well-known Halifax gay rights advocate, who was found dead outside of the Menz Bar.

"Because of the involvement of their facility and the circumstances that led to Mr. Denny's

release, and the review that's being undertaken of that circumstance, they felt it was appropriate that an assessment be conducted by an independent party," Smith told reporters outside of Halifax provincial court.

The Crown recommended Dr. Hy Bloom, a forensic psychiatrist based in Toronto, for the job. Denny's defence lawyer, Pavel Boubnov, had no issues with the appointment.

Boubnov said he wasn't authorized to speak on his client's behalf Tuesday, and declined to answer questions from reporters.

Bringing in an outside psychiatrist will inevitably de-



Raymond Taavel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

lay the assessment. The criminal code requires an assessment to be completed within 60 days of the alleged offence.

## Events. Council approves nine hallmark grants

It took less than a minute on Tuesday for Halifax regional council to approve nine hallmark grants for several popular HRM events.

Hallmark grants are for major events that "are associated with HRM's identity, help raise its profile globally and position it as a place to invest over time," according to a staff re-

port. These events are granted hallmark status, but their applications are reviewed every year.

The Blue Nose Marathon, Halifax Pride, Halifax Pop Explosion, Atlantic Jazz Festival, Atlantic Film Festival and several others were authorized to receive the \$385,000 grant by council on Tuesday.

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO



The 2010 Blue Nose Marathon. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

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## NEWS

**On the web**

## How much is that tiger in the window?

After last year's chilling slaughter of more than two dozen tigers, leopards and lions by a suicidal owner of an exotic animal farm in Ohio, U.S. lawmakers are rethinking the rules. In some states, it's easier to buy a tiger or lion from a breeder than it is to adopt a kitten. Get the full story and video at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

## Band members charged in hazing

Five members of a Florida university marching band have been charged after a ritual hazing went horribly wrong last year. Drummer Robert Champion suffered blunt trauma and died from shock caused by severe bleeding after he was hazed by other band members on a bus parked outside an Orlando hotel. It has been suggested Champion was targeted because he was gay. Read the full story at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

**Mobile news**



The instructions are simple: Hold up an old photo in front of the place where it was originally shot, take a picture of the picture, then write a dedication about what the photo means to you. Scan the code for more on this online phenomenon.





A woman leads a May Day march for International Workers Day down Barrington Street in Halifax on Tuesday afternoon. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

## Health raises could lead to job cuts: Dexter

Premier Darrell Dexter says raises for Capital Health staff in a new contract could result in job cuts in the health authority.

Dexter said the province will "support" Capital Health's budget, which projected a one per cent raise for 3,600 health-care workers.

But the premier warned Tuesday the government is working with a fixed amount of money.

"That's the reality of it," Dexter told reporters. "We are going to support, of course, the budget of Capital Health ... but inevitably there is always the possibility that that could mean less workers at Capital Health."

Dexter said the province wants to work with both the administration and the workers to find ways to "deliver services more efficiently." That conversation has been ongoing for years as the NDP kept district health authorities' budgets frozen.

The Nova Scotia Government Employees Union Local 42 and Capital Health have agreed to send the wage in an agreed-upon contract last week to binding arbitration. The province expects the raises will cost between \$3.3 million and \$4.9 million.

"I'm simply saying we have to deal with the reality of fixed-envelope budgets," Dexter said. "That means that we have to ... take costs out of the system. The biggest single cost we have, of course, is staff."

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# Occupy N.S. returns for May Day

**99 per cent.** Group joins labour group to recognize International Workers Day



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There were no tents and fewer drum circles, but Occupy Nova Scotia returned to Grand Parade on Tuesday.

The occupiers, in conjunc-

tion with the Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council, held a rally and march to mark International Workers' Day — or May Day during the lunch hour.

A crowd of about 100 people gathered in Grand Parade to listen to speeches and chants before the march through several downtown city streets.

Kyle Buott, the head of the labour council, called May Day a "more radical" version of Labour Day held on the first Monday of September.

"This is a day that is cele-

### Quoted

**"This isn't just a monetary issue. It's about the realignment of our society in a big way."**

Kyle Buott, Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council

brated across the globe," said Buott. "Millions of people today will be rallying, demonstrating, making art, striking, and taking actions to demand a more just and compassionate world."

Labour issues have come to the fore in 2012, not just in

Halifax but across the country. Buott said that has something to do with the global economy slowly emerging from the 2008 financial crisis.

"The forces that were set in play by the 2008 recession are continuing to play themselves out," he said. "And that is a

branch of austerity capitalism that is being implemented by government ... that seeks to make working people pay for the crisis they created."

Kelly Eagles, part of Occupy N.S., said the group organized the event after an international call was made from the New York and Los Angeles camps.

"(The rally is) a celebration of the fight that they've gone through, the labour unions, that they've gone through, and how they've stood up for centuries against corporations and capitalism," she said.

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### Three teens

## Four arrested after 'traumatic' experience for robbery victims

One man and three teens are facing a long list of charges in relation to a robbery in Dartmouth.

Police were called at 11 p.m. on Sunday to an apartment on Victoria Road. They found two masked men, one armed with a handgun, trying to leave the residence. Police arrested three men and a male youth, and found a loaded handgun.

There were four victims inside the apartment at the time of the robbery: two men and two women.

One of the women reported to police one of the robbery suspects touched her in a sexual manner. Police said it was traumatic, but none of the victims were treated for injuries.

On Tuesday, police announced that Randall Channing Thomas, 24, Justin Michael Joseph Smith, 19, and Markeem Vadell Grant, 18, and a 16-year-old male are facing 12 charges each.

Thomas is facing additional charges of sexual assault and possession of stolen property, while Smith is looking at one additional charge of possession of stolen property.

Grant has an additional charge of breaching his probation.

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### Drug-related

Police say they believe this incident was drug-related and not random.

### Eastern Passage

## Cocaine, crack found after search of home

Five people are facing drug charges after Halifax police say they seized cocaine from a home in Eastern Passage.

Police say they executed a search warrant on Rosewood Lane at 7:15 p.m. on Monday and found 84 grams of cocaine and crack cocaine, along with marijuana, drug paraphernalia and ammunition.

Mitchell Mannette, 18, of Dartmouth, and Matthew Brown and Jessica Cooper, both 19 and from Eastern Passage, are charged, along with two 17-year-old male youths.

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### Navy veteran

## Former Nova Scotia lieutenant-governor dies at 86 years old

A former lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia who served as a merchant marine during the Second World War has died.

John James Kinley died Tuesday at the age of 86.

The native of Lunenburg served as Nova Scotia's 29th lieutenant-governor, holding the prestigious position from 1994 to 2000.

Kinley held a number of careers, working as an engineer, a businessman and a member of the Royal Canadian Navy.

In 2002, he was appointed to the Order of Nova Scotia and awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, which recognizes outstanding contributions to communities and Canada.

In a statement, Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter says Kinley will be remembered as a respected, loving and accomplished man.

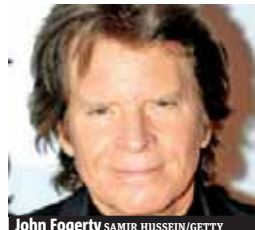
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## CCR. Legendary rocker to play at Metro Centre

John Fogerty is coming to Halifax.

It was announced on Tuesday that the legendary rocker is performing a series of shows across Canada, including a stop at the Metro Centre on Monday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

In the show, Fogerty will perform the album Bayou Country from his days with Credence Clearwater Revival in its entirety, plus a bonus set with other hit songs from CCR, along with those from his solo career.



John Fogerty SAMIR HUSSEIN/GETTY

Tickets will run \$73.50, \$54.50 or \$29 and will go on sale Saturday at 10 a.m. through Ticket Atlantic.

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## \$15.78 million. Dartmouth couple win 6/49 lottery

We have ourselves a winner.

A couple from Dartmouth has won last Wednesday's Lotto 6/49 draw worth \$15.78 million, the Atlantic Lottery Corporation announced on Tuesday.

The couple will be introduced on Friday and awarded their winning cheque, ALC spokeswoman Lindsay Shannon said. Details on when and where are still being confirmed, she added.

The couple was the only one to hold the winning ticket, which was purchased in Dartmouth.

### Third big win

- This is the third winning Lotto 6/49 ticket to be bought in Nova Scotia this year. The other two came in January.

chased in Dartmouth.

Shannon said where that ticket was bought will also be announced during Friday's event.

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# Province ups student aid



Marilyn More shown inside the Nova Scotia legislature in this file photo. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

### More money.

Investment of \$5.5 million means an extra \$10 a week for some



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The province is investing over \$5 million to bulk up Nova Scotia's student assistance program.

Labour and Advanced Education Minister Marilyn More highlighted the \$5.5 million in the 2012-2013 budget that's earmarked for weekly student assistance on Tuesday.

The investment means students receiving the maximum amount of assistance will receive a \$170 weekly allowance.

Students will also receive 35 per cent of their assistance in the form of non-repayable grants, up from 20 per cent a

few years ago.

"We listened to the student organizations, and they were really focused on trying to improve unmet need, which is the difference between what they're able to get through the grant and the loan, and the actual costs," More said.

Mark Coffin, the executive director of the Alliance of Nova Scotia Students' Associations, welcomed the news as a "step in the right direction."

But he noted the increase in funding will not keep pace with inflation.

"Since tuitions and other costs will continue to rise, students will have an increasingly hard time making ends meet."

But More said the government is trying to be "balanced" in its approach.

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## Closing arguments loom at Stafford trial

The trial of the man accused of killing eight-year-old Victoria Stafford is now poised to hear closing arguments. The defence has finished its evidence. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Alleged killing

## Manitoba soldier pleads guilty to manslaughter

A Manitoba-based soldier accused of beating a man to death has pleaded guilty to manslaughter. Jason John Ouimet was a gunner at Canadian Forces Base Shilo. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ouimet had been charged with second-degree murder, but that was downgraded under a plea bargain when he pleaded guilty to the lesser count in the death of Duane John Lacquette. Police said the 21-year-old victim died from blunt-force trauma at his Brandon home in January 2010. Ouimet will face a sentencing hearing on June 7. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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## Hearing for judge who posed nude

A hearing date has been set for a Manitoba judge whose explicit nude photographs appeared online. The Judicial Council is to hold a hearing May 19. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Stealth accounting

## Two sets of books?

The bureaucracy fired back Tuesday at Canada's budget watchdog over his suggestion the government kept two sets of books on the multibillion-dollar purchase of new stealth-fighter jets. Parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page said in a weekend radio interview

that it seemed as if one set of books inside the Department of National Defence contained a higher cost estimate for the F-35 fighters while another, lower number was presented to the public. "You do get the sense there were different books being kept," Page said. A senior Defence official said his department kept only one set of books. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Judge takes veterans' side on disability-benefit clawbacks

A Federal Court ruling that Ottawa should stop clawing back disability benefits from former Canadian Forces members is a key legal victory for some of the country's most injured veterans, their lawyers say.

The plaintiffs, who launched a class-action lawsuit against the federal government, argued last November that the benefits were being unjustly clawed back because the payments were unfairly deemed as income.

The lawyers said that veterans' long-term disability benefits were being reduced by the amount of their disability pensions, with some of the most gravely injured not receiving any of their pension.

In a decision released Tuesday, Judge Robert Barnes agreed that the monthly Veterans Affairs pensions aren't "income benefits," and therefore can't be used to offset money they are owed.

"The practical consequences of the claimed offset is to substantially reduce or to extinguish the long-term disability coverage promised to members," Barnes wrote in his decision.

He added this would create "a particularly harsh effect on the most seriously disabled Canadian Forces members who have been released from active service."

"That is an outcome that



Veteran John Labelle goes through screening at federal court in Halifax in November. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

could not reasonably have been intended and I reject it unreservedly."

Peter Driscoll, a lawyer for the veterans, said if Ottawa doesn't appeal then the decision could mean millions of dollars in retroactive compensation for the former members of the forces.

"We're overjoyed," Driscoll

said in a phone interview. "We're pleased the court has found the clawbacks we've complained of are unlawful."

The federal government did not return an immediate request for comment.

Some veterans say they are losing upwards of \$3,500 a month in clawbacks.

Their lawyers have said

thousands of veterans are being subjected to the same practice, putting the cost of stopping it and reimbursing veterans somewhere between \$270 million and \$320 million.

Driscoll said his clients are expecting the money to be repaid.

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# Black to come back after all

**Surprise move.** Feds grant temporary-resident permit to disgraced mogul, saying he's no threat to public

Former media tycoon Conrad Black has been granted permission to live in Canada when he is released from a Florida prison Friday after serving time for obstruction of justice and fraud.

The Department of Citizenship and Immigration has authorized a one-year temporary resident permit for Black that starts in early May, a source confirmed.

The permit was granted on the grounds that he poses no threat to the Canadian public, a source familiar with the matter told the paper.

The 67-year-old Montreal native renounced his Canadian citizenship in 2001 after being offered a peerage in Britain's House of Lords. Black's two convictions make him criminally inadmissible for residency in Canada. But his temporary resident permit circumvents this.

The permit was granted on



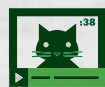
Conrad Black, who renounced his Canadian citizenship, will be allowed return here on a special permit. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

the grounds that he poses no threat to the Canadian public, a source familiar with the matter said.

The former head of Hollinger International media empire has spent three-and-a-half years in U.S. prisons after being convicted of fraud and obstruction of justice in 2007.

Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney, asked about Black in Parliament, said he had given instructions that public servants would decide on Black's case. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# Sharability



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Abdul Mazid, 42, centre, whose sister is missing, anxiously watches rescuers pull out the wreckage of a ferry that capsized in the Brahmaputra River at Buraburi village in India. ANUPAM NATH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Death toll rises following tragic ferry disaster

**Capsized.** About 100 people were still missing as of Tuesday evening

Rescuers on Tuesday had recovered 103 bodies from a turbulent northeastern river after a heavily packed ferry capsized, saying they feared that dozens of others had been swept by the current to neighbouring Bangladesh.

The overloaded ferry overturned and broke into two pieces in stormy weather late Monday.

Abdul Mazid, a local villager, was among grieving rela-

tives and survivors gathered on the banks of the Brahmaputra River in Assam state.

He had rushed there soon after the boat ferrying about 350 people — including his sister — capsized. Some passengers swam to safety or were rescued by villagers, but Mazid was still waiting in silence on the crowded river bank for news of his sister 24 hours later.

Rescuers said they feared that the swift-moving currents had carried dozens of bodies downstream into neighbouring Bangladesh.

The ferry was a daily service

that connected several small riverside villages and islands to the main district town.

Survivors told television channels how the ferry had been packed tight with passengers and cargo, with about 150 people riding on the ferry's roof.

Hasnat Ali said that he had been on the roof as the vessel headed to shore to dock when a storm hit. The ferry was tossed about and many of those sitting with him were thrown off. Some managed to swim to shore before the ferry was dashed to pieces, he said.

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## End of an era? Cuba mulls ending travel restrictions

After controlling the comings and goings of its people for five decades, communist Cuba appears on the verge of a momentous decision to lift many travel restrictions. One senior official says a "radical and profound" change is weeks away.

The comment by Parliament Chief Ricardo Alarcon has residents, exiles and policy makers abuzz with speculation that the much-hated exit visa could be a thing of the past, even if Raul Castro's government continues to limit the travel of doctors, scientists, military personnel and others in sensitive roles to prevent a brain drain.

In the past 18 months, Castro has removed prohibitions on some private enterprises, legalized real estate and car sales, and allowed compatri-

### Exit visa

- **Open doors.** The move would open the door to increased emigration and make it easier for Cubans overseas to avoid forfeiting their residency rights, a fate that has befallen waves of exiles since the 1959 revolution.
- **Travel abroad.** It could also bolster the number of Cubans who travel abroad for work, increasing earnings sent home in the short term and, ultimately, investment by a new moneyed class.

ots to hire employees.

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### Netherlands

## Weed-sale ban partially in effect

A policy barring foreign tourists from buying marijuana in the Netherlands went into effect in parts of the country Tuesday, with attention focused on the southern city

of Maastricht.

Weed is technically illegal in the Netherlands, but it has been sold openly for decades in small amounts in designated cafés. Under a government policy change, as of May 1, only holders of a "weed pass" are supposed to be allowed to purchase the drug in three southern provinces.

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# Questions still remain over who facilitated bin Laden's stay in Pakistan

**Security forces.** No answers from Pakistan one year after the U.S. raid that killed world's most wanted terrorist

One year since U.S. commandos flew into this Pakistani army town and killed Osama bin Laden, Islamabad has failed to answer tough questions over whether its security forces were protecting the world's most wanted terrorist.

Partly as a result, fallout from the raid still poisons relations between Washington and Pakistan, where anti-American sentiment, support for Islamist extremism and anger at the violation of sovereignty in the operation can be summed up by a Twitter hashtag doing the rounds: #02MayBlackDay.

The Pakistani government initially welcomed the raid that



A Pakistani shepherd looks on while leading his livestock along a road in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where U.S. commandos killed Osama bin Laden one year ago. MUHAMMAD MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

killed bin Laden in his three-storey compound, but within hours the mood changed as it became clear that Pakistan's

army was cut out of the operation. Any discussions over how bin Laden managed to stay undetected in Pakistan were

drowned out in anger at what the army portrayed as a treacherous act by a supposed ally.

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## Obama in Afghanistan to sign security deal

President Barack Obama slipped into Afghanistan Tuesday night on an unannounced visit on the anniversary of the killing of 9-11 mastermind Osama bin Laden. Obama is signing an agreement cementing a U.S. commitment to the nation after the long and unpopular war comes to an end.

The partnership spells out the U.S. relationship with Afghanistan beyond 2014, covering security, economics and governance. The deal is limited in scope and essentially gives both sides political cover: Afghanistan gets its sovereignty and a promise it won't be abandoned, while the U.S. gets to end its combat mission but keep a foothold in the country.

The deal does not commit the United States to any specific troop presence or spending. But it does allow the U.S. to potentially keep troops in Afghanistan after the war ends for two specific purposes: continued training of Afghan forces and targeted operations against al-Qaida, which is present in neighbouring Pakistan but has only a nominal presence inside Afghanistan.

Officials have previously said as many as 20,000 U.S. troops may remain after the combat mission ends, but that must still be negotiated. The United States does promise to seek money from Congress every year to support Afghanistan. Obama is joining Afghan President Hamid Karzai to sign

the agreement that will broadly govern the U.S. role in Afghanistan after the American combat mission stops at the end of 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Politics

At home, Obama's Republican opponent, Mitt Romney has retorted to the Obama campaign's suggestion that Romney might not have gone after bin Laden as Obama did.

- Obama has tried to portray inconsistency in Romney's position on the merits of targeting bin Laden.



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Auto sales

## Chrysler sales up, truck sales down


Chrysler models were again the best-selling vehicles in Canada in April as other big name automakers reported slipping sales.


Automakers remarked on an ongoing trend in which consumers are shifting their choices from trucks to cars, hybrids and fuel-efficient vehicles amid rising gasoline prices.


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Manufacturing

## Cinram losing customers

Cinram International's long-suffering unitholders took another hit Tuesday after the DVD and CD manufacturer announced it's losing a "non-core" customer that accounts for about six per cent of overall revenue.

Cinram units dropped by 50 per cent to half a cent at mid-afternoon. The units have fallen from 66 cents a year ago and \$26.50 five years ago, when it was one of the world's largest producers of recorded media.

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Airline

## Delta buying refinery to cut costs

Delta Air Lines is buying a refinery in a novel — and some say risky — attempt to slice \$300 million US a year from its escalating jet fuel bill.

The airline said Monday that it is buying a refinery near Philadelphia for \$150 million from Phillips 66, a refining company being spun off from ConocoPhillips. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# RIM reveals new operating system

**Touting tech.** 'We're taking our time to get this right,' says CEO about improved BlackBerry 10 OS

The chief executive of Research In Motion, Thorsten Heins, stood before the developers who could play a crucial role in the company's future and gave them a first look Tuesday at the new BlackBerry 10 operating system.

The widely anticipated unveiling at its annual BlackBerry World conference centred on some awe-inspiring technological developments sandwiched between pounding club music and flashing spotlights.

The three-day showcase is intended to get fickle programmers excited about the future of RIM and developing applications for the BlackBerry 10. The Waterloo, Ont., company is struggling to recover from numerous blunders over the past year,



RIM CEO Thorsten Heins shows off a BlackBerry with the new operating system, which is still in beta testing. REINHOLD MATAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Camera

A new camera excited the conference's audience.

- One feature captures several frames in quick succession, which can be combined to create a single "ideal" picture. If one person blinked in a photo, it can be replaced with an image of their face taken moments earlier with their eyes open.

including flagging sales, a woefully underdeveloped apps store and criticism that it hasn't released a new smartphone in ages.

"We're taking our time to make sure we get this right," Heins told developers shortly before revealing the prototype at the keynote address.

Heins, who marked his 100th day atop the smartphone maker on Tuesday, then pulled a touch-screen device from his pocket running the new OS in its beta version.

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Analysis

## RIM takes blame for flashmob

BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion has admitted its role in organizing an anti-Apple flashmob outside a Sydney, Australia, Apple Store last week.

The stunt, which saw dozens of black-clothed people arrive outside the Sydney store in a coach bus and wave "Wake Up" signs at Apple customers inside the shop, drew criticism in the blogosphere as an "embarrassing" marketing attempt.

A number of tech-focused websites first pointed the finger at Samsung, the smartphone company known for its Apple-targeted campaigns. But Samsung denied its role in the guerrilla marketing campaign.

MacWorld Australia revealed on April 29 that it had found a Double Click URL on a Wake Up webpage that had ties to RIM Australia.

The campaign is said to be part of RIM's promotion for BlackBerry OS 10.

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# THERE ARE NO WINNERS IN THE LINGERIE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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It wasn't easy, but I'm pretty sure I've discovered the worst idea ever spawned.

If you were going to start a Museum for Morons, this would be the cornerstone: the Lingerie Football League.

Here's the "concept": Teams of scantily clad women play tackle football. There are seven players to a side, and in addition to shoulder pads and helmets their uniforms include garters, bras and panties.

As far as I can tell, there are no male cheerleader squads in their tighty-whities, cheering on local favourites such as the Los Angeles Temptations, Lingerie Bowl champs for three years in row, or the Philadelphia Passion, last year's losers.

Here's the thing: The LFL is too stupid to live, at least in the U.S. The league recently announced it has shut down U.S. operations to concentrate on re-opening in April 2013 (remind you of the restaurant that's shut down for "renovations?") In the meantime, the only teams on the field in 2012 will be in — wait for it — Canada.

Apparently, there are enough hosers left in the Great White North to watch women humiliate themselves for nothing. The league stopped paying players at the beginning of the 2011 season. If they get hurt in those ridiculous get-ups, tough. They pay their own health insurance, except in Canada where you and I pay for their health care.

There are four teams set to begin the season: the BC Angels, the Toronto Triumph and, to the eternal shame of Saskatchewan, the Regina Rage and the Saskatoon Sirens. The teams will play eight games, culminating in the Canadian Lingerie Bowl the day before the Grey Cup. The CFL should sue for unwanted proximity.

The sad thing — but not the only sad thing! There's a plethora of sad things! — is that, despite the automatic, gratuitous titillation that comes with this farce, some of the young women who play the game can actually play, and, when asked, say they would rather play in a serious league that requires clothes. But LFL is the only game in town. Actually four towns. In Canada.

It will be interesting to see if any of these games are actually played. And, if they are, if anyone shows up to watch. Even the most dedicated fans of the Rage or the Angels will be hard-pressed to explain where they're going instead of mowing the lawn or power-washing the deck: "Oh, just to watch a football game played by women in their sexy lingerie. Some of the girls can, um, play."



The Toronto Triumph, in blue, host the Baltimore Charm in Lingerie Football League action at the Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto.  
VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Standing in for mom's pouch



### Baby in a bag

### Baby wallaby bags new home

**DUNSTABLE, ENGLAND.** A tiny baby wallaby has been saved and is now being raised inside a backpack. Tilly, a seventh-month-old Bennett's wallaby, is being hand-reared by Whipsnade Zoo keepers using a rucksack and blanket as a substitute marsupium after being found out of her mother's pouch. **METRO**

### Pouch of safety

- After birth, wallabies immediately crawl into their mothers' pouches where they continue to develop after birth. As with kangaroos, young wallabies are called joeys. Even after a joey leaves the pouch, it often returns to jump in to evade danger.



Zoo staff expect Tilly to live in the bag for another two months.

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### Bag lady

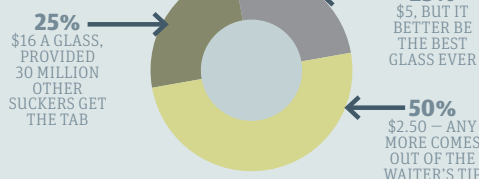
"She spends most of the day snuggled up in her rucksack with a blanket, where she's warm and safe, but has started to become more adventurous, hopping about and venturing out a bit more."

Jo Shirley, Whipsnade Zoo keeper



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### Twitter

#### @Culling\_Song:

Good to see Halifax doing their part for the #mayday protests. They had their finest tie-dye shirts on for the occasion. That'll show 'em

#### @MattHfx:

Vince Hall for mayor of #Halifax? Pfft. No thanks. Give me a backyard chicken over that any day.

#### @darichick:

There's always something positive to every day! The preceding

has been sponsored by my happy pills. #hrm #halifax #dartmouth

#### @cdnglobetrotter:

Just found out why the MacKay was backed up so early. It appears that a Deep Down Cleaning van plowed into a half-ton. #halifax

#### @mapetitepomme:

worst part about no longer living in Halifax is missing mo-town night at Gus!...can we get a mo-town night in #charlottetown??





Javier Bardem, left, stands with Daniel Craig. The two square off in the new James Bond film. DAVID DETTMAN/METRO WORLD NEWS

# Fall in love with a villain

**New Bond film.** Javier Bardem wants you to sympathize with his character as he tries to kill James Bond

KIERON MONKS  
Metro World News

It's a dirty job trying to kill James Bond, but Javier Bardem does not believe he is the bad guy.

"Actors are the lawyers of our characters and we defend them no matter what," he smiles.

Penelope Cruz's husband is serious when he describes super-villain Raoul Silva as a "very complex character."

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His attempt to win sympathy for the devil was inspired by Bruno Ganz's performance as Adolf Hitler in *The Downfall*.

Bardem already looks bulletproof. In 2007, the 53 year-old became the first Spaniard ever to win an Oscar, for playing psychopathic killer in *No Country for Old Men*, and his casting opposite 007 confirms his rise to Holly-

wood royalty status.

"This is only my second commercial movie, the territory is still new to me," says Bardem, who spent most of his career in low-budget, experimental cinema. "But, for me, it's the same. The set is bigger, the money is bigger, but the commitment is the same."

He has enjoyed his duel with "impressive" Daniel Craig, although Bardem did not share his rival's love of the gym, and kept in shape by eating only fish and vegetables. Although happy to play the villain, life-long Bond fan Bardem would not rule out a job swap to wear the tuxedo in future.

"I'm open, but Daniel is doing a great job."

## Spoiler alert

Prediction time: Look out for these...

- **M dies.** A shock as the M16 chief has been with the series since the beginning. Judi Dench has played M for seven films but rumours persist this will be the last.
- **Spy feelings.** Daniel Craig is credited with bringing more humanity to



007, and he says we "get to know him better" in *Skyfall*. Part of this involves seeing his home for the first time, and possibly discovering that he leaves all his washing up in the sink.

- **The best of both worlds.** Key scenes will take place in Asia. Bond will confront villain Silva on the Japanese Island of Hashima, and test his luck in a gorgeously designed Macau casino. But expect plenty of action in London, including an epic chase.

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## SCENE

Scene in brief

## Genie's and Gemini's become one show

Canada's top film and television awards bashes are being combined into a single televised ceremony. The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television says it is merging annual broadcasts of the Genie Awards, which salute the best in film, and the Gemini Awards, which celebrate homegrown television. Academy chair Martin Katz says the move follows "extensive industry consultation and outreach." The next gala will be a two-hour event on March 3, 2013 airing on CBC-TV. Shows currently eligible for the 2012 Gemini Awards will be part of the academy's new awards show in March 2013.

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# Meet (and re-meet) the Avengers

**Star-studded film.** Here are a few of the movies that helped shape this group of actors into stars



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The Avengers stars a group of actors who were well known before they donned the capes and mechanical suits of Iron Man, Captain America, Thor and The Hulk.

Of them, Robert Downey Jr. was the best known, while the Chrises, Evans and Hemsworth were talented up-and-comers and Mark Ruffalo was the Oscar-nominated indie king.

With the film breaking box office records in its worldwide release, it's fair to

say each of these actors will now go from superheroes to superstars.

But what about before they could leap tall buildings in a single bound? (I know that was Superman, but you get my point!) Here are some movies that helped shape this quartet of actors into stars.

## Robert Downey Jr.

Despite saying, "I know very little about acting. I'm just an incredibly gifted faker," Downey has developed into what Esquire called "the second best actor in the world."

Ten years ago, however, Downey was better known for his extracurricular activities than his films. His committed, loopy performances made him a star at a young age and netted him an Oscar nomination for playing Charlie Chaplin, but drugs and alcohol sidelined him until 2001 when, clean and sober, he rebuilt his career.

MUST SEES: Less Than

Zero, Natural Born Killers, Chaplin, Good Night & Good Luck, Richard III.

## Chris Evans

Evans played a superhero in

Fantastic Four and its sequel, but it took Captain America to make him an A-list star.

He's flip-flopped between mainstream fare like Not Another Teen Movie and edgier

films like The Loss of a Tear-drop Diamond, to "show some layers. I'm not just a superhero-action guy."

MUST SEES: Scott Pilgrim vs. the World, Puncture,

Fierce People.

## Chris Hemsworth

Hemsworth made his American debut as George Kirk, father to the icon character James T. in the reboot of Star Trek.

Already a soap (Home and Away) and reality show (Dancing with the Stars) star in Australia, the muscle bound performer beat out dozens of actors to win the role of Thor, including his own brother Liam Hemsworth.

MUST SEES: Cabin in the Woods, A Perfect Getaway.

## Mark Ruffalo

Early comparisons to Marlon Brando earned Ruffalo roles in an interesting array of films. Playing Laura Linney's slacker brother in You Can Count on Me made him a star and indie film darling.

MUST SEES: My Life Without Me, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, Shutter Island, The Kids Are All Right.



Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth and Mark Ruffalo star in The Avengers. HANDOUT

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## CFL wide receiver trying to make a catch. Brad Smith to seek soulmate as star of Bachelor Canada

Canadian Football League wide receiver Brad Smith will seek his soulmate as the star of The Bachelor Canada when it premieres in the fall.

The program will be modelled after the popular U.S. reality show The Bachelor.

A statement from Rogers Media describes Smith as "driven, confident, candid and comfortable in his own skin."

It goes on to say he is attracted to women "who are independent, intelligent, and just as confident in a ponytail, sweatpants and sweatshirt as they are all dressed up for a night out on the town."

The 28-year-old athlete says he's "extremely honoured" to be chosen, adding that he takes the experience very seriously and believes in the process.

He has played for the Montreal Alouettes, Toronto Argonauts and most recently the Edmonton Eskimos.

Smith, the son of Sen. Larry Smith, a former CFL Commissioner and former president and CEO of the Alouettes, is currently a free agent.

"Brad is the full package — a quintessentially Canadian, down-to-earth man," said Claire Freeland, director of original programming at Rogers Media and executive producer of The Bachelor Canada. "He is completely committed to this experience and in it for the right reasons."

Additional details, including the identity of the host and the 25 bachelorettes, are still to be revealed.

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CFL wide receiver Brad Smith. HANDOUT





John Mayer ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Singing to let it sink in: Mayer's new song about getting over Aniston

John Mayer is reportedly using *Shadow Days*, a song off his new album, to finally process the end of his relationship with Jennifer Aniston, according to *Us Weekly*.

"It really took him a long time to get over her. He really loved her a lot," a source says. "He wrote the song as

a farewell letter knowing (Jen) would hear it. Ultimately he's done a lot of self-reflection though, and he realizes they weren't right for each other." In the video for the song, Mayer drives along a lonely desert road, singing, "I finally learned to let it go."

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word

## Jessica finally has that baby



THE WORD  
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Although Jessica Simpson didn't have the longest pregnancy in the world, it certainly felt like she did.

Well, the eternal wait ended yesterday with Simpson and her fiancé Eric Johnson announcing the birth (finally!) of daughter Maxwell Drew Johnson.

The baby was certainly well-marinated, weighing in at 9 lbs, 13 oz. But lest Maxwell Drew get all the attention, let's look at which other celebrities popped out a baby while we were all fixated on Simpson's ever-expanding waistline.

• Katherine Heigl and hus-



band Josh Kelley expanded their family and adopted another daughter, according to *People* magazine.

• It was announced in March that Charlize Theron adopted a baby. "She is the proud mom of a healthy baby boy named Jackson," her rep told *People* magazine.

The only birth to overshadow Simpson's? Beyoncé and Jay-Z welcoming daughter Blue Ivy Carter in January. Of course, they are our version of royalty, whereas Jessica Simpson is a reality TV star/shoemaker.

## Gyllenhaal welcomes baby girl after keeping mum on pregnancy

Maggie Gyllenhaal and Peter Sarsgaard welcomed their second daughter, Gloria Ray, last week, their rep confirms to *People* magazine. The pair, who married in 2009, also have a 5-year-old daughter, Ramona.

Gloria Ray was born April 19 in New York. Gyllenhaal kept mum on her pregnancy this time

around as long as she could.

"I find it difficult to pretend you're not pregnant, which I had to do," she told *USA Today* in March. "I didn't let anyone know until three-and-a-half months this time. I went to film festivals. I'm throwing up in the bathroom and having to keep pretzels in my purse, and having to fit into dresses."

### Twitter



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If everyone that follows me sent me \$20, I would be able to finally have some well-deserved peace and quiet...



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People, I have just recovered from being a clue in @NYTimes Crossword puzzle yesterday...



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Fun fact: despite all the dirty tweets I send, the one about this march for women has received the most hate mail



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### Last minute booking? There's an app for that

For those times when you suddenly need a hotel room but have no idea where to book, a new mobile app that launched in Canada last Thursday promises to find the best deal for a last-minute stay. According to Sam Shank, there's a multi-billion-dollar business opportunity in offering cut-rate hotel rooms with mere hours to spare. The CEO of the mobile app HotelTonight, now available in Toronto and Vancouver, says there's big money in helping hotels clear out their inventory at the last minute. Starting at noon local time each day, users loading up HotelTonight's Apple or Android app can search for offers available that night, with the option of extending the reservation by an additional four nights.

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On the web



Website names top 50 people's choice restaurants in Canada



Tourists look through a crack in a still-existing portion of the Berlin Wall at the main memorial. METRO WORLD NEWS

# 1



### Unexpectedly good aesthetic

Despite what you see in the movies, it's not all Soviet concrete (though there's a fair share) — Berlin is an interesting mix of Paris meets the Ukraine. The result is surprisingly pretty, and the city's Bauhaus School sensibility stamps industrial design and architecture. Be sure to visit the Bauhaus Archiv, and then spot influences throughout the city.

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# 4

## Berlin Surprises

Think Berlin is simply a city of bad graffiti and raves? Au contraire! We found some chilled out lounges and delicious food.

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### Unexpected market shopping

The Mauerpark Flohmarkt — "Mauerpark" means "wallpark" and used to be an area enclosed by the Berlin Wall — sells antiques, records, homemade jewelry and more. Top it off with a nod to the city's Turkish population at the massive lunch counter serving eastern delicacies.

Walk to the market by starting at the corner of Bernauer Strasse and Gartenstrasse, and see sections of the wall and the memorial on the way.

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### Terrific Asian food?!?!

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If you're now daydreaming about wearing a lobster bib and wiping melted butter from your chin, then the Lobster Lovers Academy might be the place for you.

St. Andrews, on the coast of the Bay of Fundy, is well known for its spectacular views and

many seafood-focused restaurants and take-outs. For the last four years, St. Andrews has hosted a lobster academy to educate buyers for restaurants and food chains on everything they need to know about lobsters — from buying them to proper handling and preparation. This year, for the first time, the program is being offered to the general public as the Lobster Lovers Academy.

Participants must apply in advance for the June 7-10 event, which costs \$999 per person. That includes three nights accommodation in historic Anderson House, meals (including all the lobster you can eat) and a number of excursions.

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Learn about lobsters this summer. KEVIN BISSETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Celebrate fresh flavours of spring with roasted fare

Look for local lamb at the market or in stores now as spring is always a favourite time of year to cook it up. This recipe is perfect for a Sunday dinner to share with family and friends.

**1.** In a small bowl, stir together Dijon, rosemary, garlic and olive oil.

**2.** Place lamb in a roasting pan and rub marinade over entire surface of the lamb. Roast lamb in the centre of a 190 C (375 F) oven for 60 to 90 minutes or until internal temperature reaches

52 C (125 F) at the thickest point for medium rare. Roast longer for desired doneness. Let lamb rest for 30 minutes before slicing.

**3. Walnut Salsa:** Meanwhile, in a bowl, stir together chopped walnuts, parsley, mint, anchovies, capers, peppercorns, oil, lemon rind and juice until combined. Spoon over sliced lamb to serve.

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### Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 kg (2 lb) boneless leg of lamb
- 6 anchovy fillets, minced
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) capers, rinsed and chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) green peppercorns in brine, drained and minced
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) walnut oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) grated lemon rind
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lemon juice

### Walnut Salsa:

- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped walnuts
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each chopped fresh parsley and mint

### Roasted Lamb



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# The skill switchover

**You've got a lot to offer.** How to sell your transferable part-time job skills for full-time employment

**SASHA RANA**  
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I've gone through the interview process countless times and I think the most important piece of advice I can offer is: sell your transferable skills.

After graduating from university or college, many of us do not have the experience we need to land our dream jobs. What we do have, however, is a slate full of entry-level positions which may include server, retail sales associate, fast-food worker, and many other so-called "useless jobs."

However, one thing that many of us fail to recognize is that the skills you acquire in all of these jobs will help you become successful in your future career.

## Imagine this scenario

Your interviewer on one side of the desk flipping through your resumé, saying, "So let's go through your past experiences and what you can bring to the table in this position..." Mean-



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while you're on the other side fretting, thinking to yourself, "How am I supposed to highlight my qualifications when I don't have any?" But you do!

Here are a few common jobs students hold, and how to identify transferable skills you can sell to any position:

### Server

You're on your feet all day, remembering orders, juggling various tables. This translates to hard working and dedicated, quick learning and an abil-

ity to handle various tasks at once. Also constantly dealing with customers of all levels of difficulty builds character and resilience.

### Retail sales associate

You deal with many aspects of daily sales operations from point of sale purchases and returns, to organizing merchandise, to assisting customers in finding suitable products. This translates to the ability to multi-task, you have organizational skills, not to mention always maintaining a positive attitude while helping customers choose that perfect item.

### Fast-food worker

You work in a small area with a million operations going on at once. You have to ensure customer satisfaction, while working with a number of people in providing tasty food and drinks quickly. This translates to the ability to work in a fast-paced environment while accomplishing several tasks at once. This position also screams team work!

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## Student Voice

# Turn one job into one million opportunities

**Sally Gao**  
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I graduated from Ryerson University with a Bachelor of Journalism degree in spring 2010 with the hopes of finding a job in the media industry. I started looking for positions in my professional field in May and went through some interviews that didn't lead to anything.

I realized that the biggest obstacle hindering my prospects of finding a job was my experience. Even though I volunteered to write for my school outlets, such as The Eyeopener and McClung's Magazine, I didn't get enough training and exposure to the real world work environment.

Without wasting my time, I researched many companies online using Twitter, Facebook and even YouTube to gather insights on which industry I should tap into. I considered getting an education in public relations and communications but felt I



needed some work experience before I decided if that's something I really wanted to get into.

Nonetheless, I finally got my first job at the end of 2010, where I was a Content Writer for a small online company. This job gave me the platform to try and learn new things, including SEO marketing, social media networking and branding. It opened my eyes to different career paths I could take and I became more confident in my job prospects as a growing journalist.

## Where I am now

I recently went back to school to pursue a graduate certificate in Human Resources Management but dropped out of the program because I didn't feel I was ready to

change careers just yet. I volunteered for different online magazines and networked with people in the writing and editing industry.

## My recommendations for employers, schools and career centres

One thing I highly recommend for employers is to look beyond the education and look for any transferable skills a potential candidate may have. Many people who worked at different jobs have acquired multiple skill sets that can be used for another job they apply for. Just because they may not have the degree, training or education doesn't mean their experience doesn't allow them to learn those aspects. What matters is what results they can bring to the company and what value they have as an employee. It's important that prospective employers can apply their knowledge into the work they do, as well as have a solid academic foundation to back it up.

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A Focal Technologies employee works on the initial assembly of the ring stack for a slip ring.

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You can find Focal Technologies' company profile and open positions on [CareerBeacon.com](http://CareerBeacon.com).

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Employees can also tap into the com-

pany's wellness program. New employees receive three weeks of paid vacation with an increase to four weeks after five years of service. The company has an active social program, which frequently holds employee appreciation events and celebrations.

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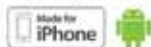
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## QMJHL draft

## Audette tops draft rankings

Daniel Audette is ranked No. 1 for the 2012 QMJHL draft on Central Scouting's final list, released Tuesday.

The five-foot-seven, 166-pound College Esther-Blondin centre had 25 goals and 35 assists for 60 points in 39 games this season at the Quebec midget AAA level, finishing fourth in league scoring.

Audette is the son of former NHLer Donald Audette, who once scored 76 goals and 161 points in a single QMJHL season with the Laval Titan. Wingers Clark Bishop (St. John's) and Alexis Pepin (Charles-Lemoyne, Que.) are ranked second and third, while defencemen Loik Lev-eille (St-Eustache, Que.) and Alexandre Carrier (Antoine-Girouard, Que.) round out the top five.

Goaltender Mason McDonald of the Halifax Titans major-midget team is the top Nova Scotian on the list. Winger Matthew Highmore of the Dartmouth Taylor Flooring major-midget team is the only other Bluenoser in the first round at No. 11. The Mooseheads have the Quebec Remparts' first-round pick, 14th overall, followed by their own third-rounder and the Drummondville Voltigeurs' third-rounder. They'll then pick in the sixth, seventh and eighth rounds.

The draft will be held on June 9 in Quebec City.

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Daniel Audette

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Halifax Mooseheads, from left, Brad Cuzner, Cameron Critchlow and Ryan Falkenham celebrate a goal during the QMJHL quarter-finals as head coach Dominique Ducharme looks on. The Mooseheads could lose two key players in next month's expansion draft. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Expansion draft looms for GM Russell

**QMJHL.** Mooseheads can protect 16 players from selection by the expansion Sherbrooke Phoenix



MATTHEW WUEST

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A busy summer lies ahead for Halifax Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell, but the first matter for him to deal with is the QMJHL expansion draft.

Russell's 16-man protected list is due at the QMJHL's front office by May 17,

with remaining players on the Mooseheads' 50-man reserve list available for selection by the Sherbrooke Phoenix.

Sherbrooke can select two players from each team, but no more than one goaltender, in the expansion draft on June 6.

"Our team is going to look a little bit different after that," Russell said. "Depending on who you lose in expansion, you might have to go out and replace somebody. We've got a good idea what we want to do, but at the same time things are going to change after expansion."

While the Mooseheads could lose valuable players

to the Phoenix, they recognize that last year's Lewiston Maineiacs dispersal draft landed them the 11th overall draft choice used to select all-rookie goaltender Zach Fucale.

Not only that, it indirectly led to the acquisition of captain Cameron Critchlow. The Victoriaville Tigres picked him in the dispersal draft and traded him to Halifax for a draft pick.

"If there's no dispersal draft, you don't get those two players," Russell said. "It's tough that we're going to lose two guys, but if you look at the big picture, we also gained two important pieces of the puzzle."

Either way, the 16 play-

## On the web

Wondering which Mooseheads might be protected in the QMJHL expansion draft? Check out Metro's Q Files blog at [metronews.ca/qfiles](http://metronews.ca/qfiles).



## NHL

**"Sidney Crosby needs to be in elite shape to perform at the level that he needs to perform at. I haven't talked to him, but I don't think he was feeling great. You can't miss that much time in a season, even Sidney Crosby."**

Gary Roberts on Tuesday. The former NHLer, who played two seasons with Sidney Crosby in Pittsburgh, said the superstar probably suffered during the Penguins' first-round loss to the Philadelphia Flyers after coming back from a concussion. Roberts knows about comebacks. He retired at age 30 due to a serious neck injury. But he changed his lifestyle, started to train differently and returned to play a total of 21 seasons.

## NBA playoffs

## 76ers beat Rose-less Bulls

Jrue Holiday scored 26 points, Lou Williams added 20 and the Philadelphia 76ers beat Chicago 109-92 on Tuesday night to even their first-round series in the Bulls' first game since Derrick Rose's season-ending knee injury.

## On the web

**Highly-touted Nationals slugger Bryce Harper was set to make his big-league home debut in Washington on Tuesday night as an injury fill-in. But Harper looks like he could be the rare 19-year-old who lands a full-time gig in the majors. Scan the code for the story.**

## NHL. Devils rally past Flyers to even up series

Adam Larsson and David Clarkson scored their first goals of the post-season, and the New Jersey Devils posted a 4-1 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night, evening this Eastern Conference semifinal series at 1-1.

Larsson and Clarkson scored consecutive goals in the third period to rally the Devils past the Flyers and make up for the absence of Ilya Kovalchuk. The Devils played without their regular-season leading scorer because of a lower-body injury.

Travis Zajac added a late goal to make it 3-1, and Bryce Salvador scored a late empty-netter for the Devils.

## Quoted

**"We were comfortable with how we played the first two periods. And it was just a matter of keeping it going in the third, and the goals came."** Devils coach Peter DeBoer

Game 3 is Thursday in New Jersey.

Matt Read scored 2:53 into the game to give the Flyers hope they could jump to a commanding series lead.

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## Marathon

## Blue Nose event starting from Sackville street

The Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon has made a change to its starting line, moving it to Sackville Street near Queen rather than its usual location under the Town Clock on Brunswick Street.

The full marathon, which will do its first loop in Dartmouth this season, also has a new start time, kicking off an hour earlier at 8 a.m., with all other events starting at 9 a.m. The marathon will take place on May 20.

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## MLB. Lawrie's walkoff blast caps Jays' victory

Canadian Brett Lawrie hit a walkoff solo homer to give the Toronto Blue Jays an 8-7 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre.

He sent a 3-1 pitch from reliever Mike Adams (0-1) over the wall in left-centre field for the victory. Kelly Johnson homered and drove in four runs and Jose Bautista added a solo shot as the Blue Jays improved to 13-11.

Francisco Cordero (1-1) got the win despite blowing a save opportunity in the top half of the ninth inning. He allowed three straight singles to centre field, with Michael Young driving in Ian Kinsler with the tying run.



Brett Lawrie rounds third base after a walk-off homer Tuesday in Toronto. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Texas (17-7) jumped out to an early lead by tagging Toronto rookie Drew Hutchison for five runs in the second inning. THE CANADIAN PRESS

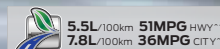
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# Ford Fusion classes it up



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The under-hood changes will really rock Fusion fans.

## Plenty of engine options

The car joins the Hyundai Sonata and 2013 Chevrolet Malibu in abandoning its V6 option, but there are now no fewer than five distinctive engine picks, including two gasoline-electric hybrid systems, as well as front- and all-wheel-drive availability. Price-leading models get a 170-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine.

## 2013 Ford Fusion

- **Type.** Four-door, front-all-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (170); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (179); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (237); 2.0-litre I4 with electric motor (185 net).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$23,500 (est.).

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Ford is also introducing a full assortment of available communications and safety content, such as a keep-you-in-line lane-monitoring system, keep-your-distance adaptive cruise control, confidence-boosting parking spot assist, and a shoulder-check-replacing blind-spot system.

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The 179-horsepower 1.6-litre turbocharged "Ecoboost" engine earns a top rating of 9.0 l/100 km city and 6.4 highway, aided by technology that shuts off the engine when the vehicle is stopped, then instantaneously restarts it once the brake pedal is released. Those are decent numbers, but the fuel-economy leaders are the two hybrid models.

**Review.** For 2013, there's a whole new bag of tricks, new looks and a plug-in hybrid model. Ford, you have our attention.

MALCOLM GUNN  
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The next-generation Ford Fusion is more than a new mid-size sedan; it's really the marriage of high-fashion style with league-leading fuel economy. Oh, and some significant technological treats are also coming along for the ride.

The Fusion's latest power-

train array borders on overwhelming, seemingly geared for a world where gasoline prices threaten to reach stratospheric levels.

But if content is king, then the other half of this royal equation is the king's new apparel. The Fusion's January launch at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., caused palpable buzz amongst the assembled media. The dramatic sweep

of the roofline suggests kinship with the Audi A7, Volkswagen CC and CLS-class Mercedes-Benz, while the open-mouth grille veers 180-degrees from the current triple-bar fixture. Simply put, the Fusion will possibly be the classiest-looking mid-size sedan on the road when it goes on sale in the third quarter of 2012.

The Fusion's high fashion extends to the cabin where passengers are greeted with

fancier trim, comfier seats and a freshly pressed control panel. Ford says that passenger space has increased by relocating the dashboard closer to the windshield.

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# Tempering spring optimism

## Autopilot



**AUTO PILOT**  
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Some wise person once said, "No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."

The sentiment assumes spring rules and winter drools.

Not saying the assumption is wrong, just that it could be more nuanced. There are

dark sides to everything, even to some of the wonderful things wrought by spring.

Pollen, for instance, eventually brings a glorious greening to trees and their ilk, but not before it sneaks en masse into various entry points in my head, and does an Occupy Wall Street in my sinus cavities.

There is also a dark side to the optimism generally associated with spring renewal. While it's possible for everyone to be optimistic, it's not possible for everyone to be on the winning side of whatever they are optimistic about. Just ask Canadian hockey fans.

The puck hit the fan so to speak, at every Canadian NHL franchise this spring. And just to mangle that metaphor a bit more, that puck not only got chewed up in the fan, it ultimately killed the fan too, but not before the dying fan spit the puck back and right into the new flat screen TV, which also died an untimely death. Basically, spring equals death.

I'm only in this mood because one my favourite spring car rituals didn't turn out too well this past weekend.

I always look forward to firing up my old Jaguar every spring, after its long winter



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slumber. It's always great to once again breathe in its intoxicating mixture of gas, old leather, and oily metal, reacquaint myself with its lovely sheet metal, and hear the engine cough and spurt before smoothing out to a satisfying low and even rumble.

This year there was a large puddle of brake fluid under the Jaguar. Usually there is some, but this was over the top. No brakes.

Oh well, I'll start the engine at least. It fired right up. I tilted the "bonnet" forward

to examine the engine while it warmed up. As soon as I did that I could smell raw gas, and then could see gas pouring out of the front carburettor. A stuck float probably. The usual remedy, hitting the bottom of the float bowl gently but firmly with a rubber hammer, didn't work. So then I tried hitting my head with the rubber hammer. That didn't work either.

I shut the engine off. Instead of that first great drive of the season, I had one big mess to clean up, and two

mechanical problems to sort out. And I just spent the first part of the day doing income tax returns.

A lot of renewal happens in the spring, but old cars just get older.

I cleaned up the mess the best I could, put the cover back on the car, and went back in the house. Got a beer and watched the end of the Blue Jays game, which just happens to be another spring ritual of mine from time to time, and a much more dependable one too.

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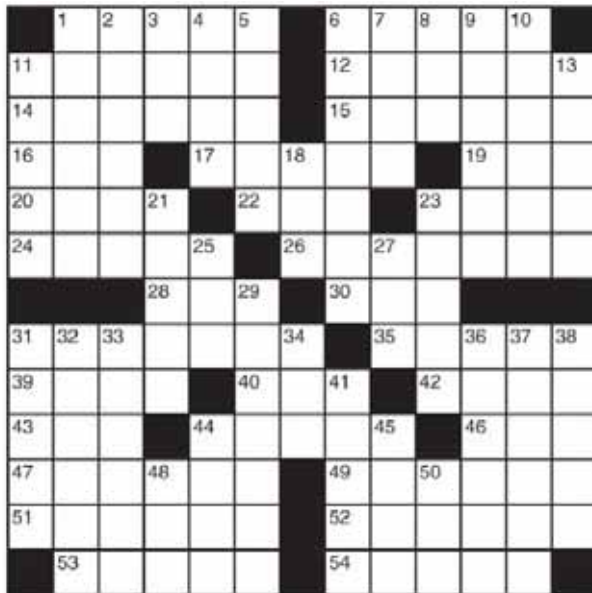
Crossword

Across

- 1 Serf
- 6 Actor Fernando
- 11 Appetizer
- 12 Inventor — Graves Otis
- 14 Wastes no time
- 15 Spurts forth
- 16 New Haven collegian
- 17 Assertion
- 19 “Go, team!”
- 20 Cribbage gizmos
- 22 Diplomatic agt.
- 23 Bear lair
- 24 Bert’s pal
- 26 Egg white
- 28 Apply Brylcreem
- 30 Mess up
- 31 Relax briefly
- 35 “Hi” in Hilo
- 39 Writer Kingsley
- 40 Bumped into
- 42 Eventual statue
- 43 Android, for short
- 44 Give private lessons
- 46 Parched
- 47 No teetotalers
- 49 Advertises
- 51 “Sing some more!”
- 52 Construction pieces
- 53 Dilutes
- 54 Small change

Down

- 1 Van
- 2 Pulver’s rank
- 3 — -di-dah
- 4 Cartel acronym
- 5 Induction motor pioneer
- 6 Easy to read
- 7 Grad
- 8 “— for the million ...”
- 9 Religious retreat
- 10 Make a bundle
- 11 Thin pancake
- 13 Wan
- 18 “I — Rock”
- 21 Factions
- 23 Ringlets
- 25 Corrode
- 27 Monokini’s lack
- 29 Puzzles
- 31 Dinette necessity
- 32 Quantity
- 33 Tackiness
- 34 Bottom line
- 36 Trite
- 37 Seraglios
- 38 Big pit
- 41 Subject
- 44 Gull’s cousin
- 45 Hayseed
- 48 — polloi
- 50 D.C. title



Sudoku



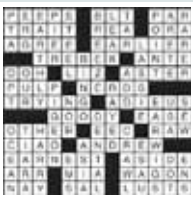
How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	6	4	7	3	5	9	2	1
2	9	5	4	8	1	3	8	7
7	1	3	2	8	9	6	4	5
6	7	2	3	9	8	5	1	4
1	4	8	5	7	6	2	9	3
5	3	9	1	4	2	8	7	6
4	5	1	9	2	3	7	6	8
3	2	6	8	1	7	4	5	9
9	8	7	6	5	4	1	3	2

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

AV W BYPRKL AR HWS EKK  
VKLC KV VPANWEYR WLC  
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RWS AE'R HWPRXAB HKPRXAB.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT A  
PERSON CALL FOLKS WHO ARE SMOOTHING  
DOWN PIECES OF CORN? KERNEL SANDERS.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals O



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**♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.**  
You will be romantic today. Surprise the object of your affection with a gift you know will be appreciated.

**♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.**  
A few kind words from you could make all the difference to someone today. It's time to kiss and make up.

**♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.**  
The facts and figures may be on your side but that does not necessarily mean you are going to win the argument.

**♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.**  
Someone you find attractive could have a negative affect on your money situation today. Don't fall for the charm of a pretty face.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.**  
Anything routine or predictable will turn you off. Put chores and duties off until another day.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.**  
Is a friend really loyal to you, or is it just an act to get what they want? According to the planets it may be the latter, so be on your guard.

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.**  
Someone you usually find it quite hard to get along with is trying to be nice to you. End the hostility.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.**  
You enjoy surprises. That's good, as there will be a flood of them coming your way over the next 24 hours.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.**  
It's not often you get caught up with a new fad or fashion but something has seized hold of your imagination and won't let go. Enjoy it.

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.**  
You know when to make a noise about things you don't agree with, and you know this is not the right time to make critical remarks.

**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.**  
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